

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

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Club President  
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**NOTE THAT THE AUCTION IS ON SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY. LOTS OF HELPERS REQUIRED AS THE SHED IS CHOCKERS!** Get those aching bones off the couch.....and post auction .....very appropriately the Club has received notification that there will be a "Chiropractic Care in The Community" info session & morning tea on Friday 26 February at 10.30 at the Coffs Ex Services Southside Building in Vernon St (RSVP by Friday 12 February to Renee Anderson 02 9968 3600 or randerson@macpr.com.au). They are offering free spinal checks and assessments plus advice during the event!!!

At tonight's meeting we have no outside speaker in order to provide a little Club time for an update on the new Board arrangements, announce positions filled and to solicit volunteers for the remaining positions. There will nevertheless be some entertainment and information as Pam Fayle will be talking about her beloved violin and the Coffs City Orchestra which she plays in and helps run and maybe one or two other club speakers. Next week we will be back to a program of invited guest speakers (see the forward calendar on pg 2).

### LAST MEETING (1 February)

**Annie Solomon-Finch** and **Jackie French** gave a very informative presentation on the work that they and their volunteers do at the Northern Beaches Care Centre which has recently moved from River St to Nightingale St. They raise money through sale of used items at their shop and with the funds currently provide food packages to 15-20 needy families a week and around 65 Xmas hampers a year.

Most Rotarians were perhaps shocked to hear of the number of homeless that exist in our community who do it tough sleeping in the banana plantations, or the families who struggle to pay their bills. As well as food and other items, some are provided with information and help on how to budget and assisted with access to government programs. Some cannot even access funding because they have no address to provide to Centrelink and often need to at least invest in a PO Box given the shortage of low cost rental accommodation in Woopi.



The shop employs Centrelink volunteers and even people on probation. Annie and Jackie do a wonderful job handing out advice, goods and coffee, but also provide a compassionate shoulder and a friendly ear to the lonely and disenfranchised. One of our Club members already volunteers and more would be welcome, particularly from October to February when the Centrelink volunteers stream dries up.

Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga Diggers**

**Monday Evenings**

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 1234**



### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil

**Visitors:** Jackie French and Annie Solomon-Finch from Northern Beaches Care

**Apologies:** John, Clive, Rob, Brian, Trish, Ray, Echah, Mark and Alastair

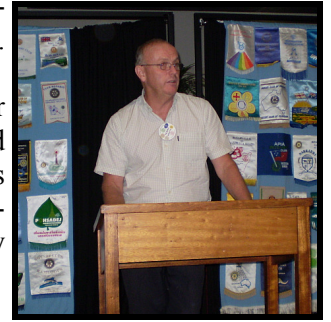
**Attendance:** 15 (62.5%)

**Lucky Draw:** Patty.

**Birthdays:** Patty (8 Feb)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
PATTY**

**CLUB SPEAKER** Terry lulled us into a relaxed state with tales of his recent trip to Tasmania, a double kayak trip with the sun at their backs, nice rivers, pristine bush, abundant wildlife! And then he hit us with a well-thought through, well-timed idea to trial as a format for our meetings. The 6 for 6.15 dinner format produces erratic attendance and imposes costs for no-shows we've catered for.



Terry suggests that for some meetings members arrange to eat at home or with other members in the club bistro in time to attend a meeting starting at 7pm. He proposed that instead of the grace and toast we read the 4-way test and for big events (Changeover, Australia Day, Xmas) or even partners' nights, the current dinner meetings be retained. Time to try something different, maybe time for a change and certainly valuable food for thought.

**SERGEANT'S SESSION:** What can we say...Norm was back with a fining vengeance. Belated Melbourne Cup winnings were paid to Peter (fines deducted!) and an unrepeatable joke about old growth forests set the tone for Terry's Tasmanian intro. Those who did not bedeck themselves sufficiently in Aussie, Mexican or German garb for Australian Day paid the price. Secretary David was fined for an excessive array of paperwork in front of him (didn't his Mum tell him not to read papers at the dinner table??) and as we know, Tiger Woods scored, filling our coffers yet again (got to be there each week to know what these cryptic comments mean folks!).

**CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

\*\*\*\*\* NOTE: Fees (\$100 for the half-year) are now due... ..Please pay Geoff Royal as soon as possible \*\*\*\*\*

**MUNA update** Pam reported that the MUNA committee had met and would conduct a visit to Woopi High (the venue) on Friday. She asked for info on anyone going to Narrabri who might collect some hefty MUNA items stored there. 12 teams have registered interest so far and the second round of letters is about to go out. Australia's UN Ambassador in New York has agreed to record a 'welcome to delegates' message.

**Bowel Scan** David Edwards provided an update on BowelScan arrangements and indicated he would be putting a roster together later this month for the 7-13 March BowelScan week at Woolgoolga Plaza.

**Temporary arrangements** David Fayle has agreed to move his President-Elect term forward to 2010-11; Geoff Royal agreed to be Treasurer now and for next year and both Norm and David E have indicated they will join the board in **2010-2011** and will be observers in the meantime.

**CLUB NOTICES**

- 6 Feb AUCTION
- 8 Feb Board meeting
- 14 Feb Dorrigo visit postponed
- 26 Feb RYLA Closing Date for Applications
- 6 Mar AUCTION
- 7-13 Mar Bowelscan week in Woopi
- 14-16 May MUNA

**DISTRICT NOTICES**

- 13 Feb Holly Wall, Public Speaking Walcha
- 12-14 Mar District Conference Port Macquarie. Register on-line.
- 10-17 April RYLA at Bonny Hills
- 20-23 Jun International Convention Montreal Canada

District Website: [www.rotary9650.org.au](http://www.rotary9650.org.au)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	8 Feb	15 Feb	22 Feb
Attendance	Sel Rogers	Karen Sedgwick	George Smede
Welcome/ Fellowship	David Fayle	Rod Mackenzie	Dick Matthews
Club Speaker	Tbc if required	David Fayle	Peter Lacy
Vote of Thanks	Trish Baker	Norm Michener	Alastair Milroy
Guest Speaker	Pam Fayle will talk about her beloved violin and the Coffs Harbour City Orchestra	Meena Singh Pharmacist with Woolgoolga Pharmacy will talk about medication issues	Tim Fayle Forensic Scientist, fingerprint expert and Crime Scene Investigator with NSW Police

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU  
Vacancies for Secretary 2010-2011, for Directors and for President-Elect 2011-2012

See Geoff or David F.

Help with AUCTION PICK-UPS (see Dick or Sel)

AUCTIONEERS For 1st Sat of the month